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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: An election from a restriction requirement was requested from Mr. Donald Tomkins, attorney for Applicants. The restriction was: Group I: claims 1 and 3-26 drawn to a drilling fluid comprising surfactants (507/106); Group II : claims 27-33 drawn to a process of making a drilling fluid (175/65); and Group III: claims 34-40 drawn to a drilling fluid comprising an oil carrier (507/138). Mr. Tomkins contacted the Examiner later that day to express Applicant's wish to elect Group II, the process claims.